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County Executive, Engineer and Council Offer Support for Issue 2, Urge Renewal of State Capital Improvement Program

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—At Monday’s Council meeting, County Executive Shapiro, County Engineer Alan Brubaker and County Council offered their support of State Issue 2, which will appear on the May 6 ballot, urging residents to vote in favor of renewing the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP). This long-standing program provides critical funding for local infrastructure projects, including roads, bridges, water systems, and wastewater treatment facilities—**without raising taxes**. County Council passed a resolution of support at the meeting.

Since its creation in 1987, SCIP has provided over \$7 billion in grants and low-interest loans to local governments in all 88 Ohio counties. These funds help ensure communities can maintain safe roadways, upgrade aging infrastructure, and support economic development without relying solely on local tax dollars.

“The State Capital Improvement Program is a lifeline for Ohio’s counties, including Summit,” said County Executive Shapiro. “Renewing this program means continuing to invest in the roads, bridges, and water systems that our residents rely on every day. This funding has helped improve safety, attract business, and protect public health—without raising taxes.”

The current SCIP authorization is set to expire on July 1, 2025. A YES vote on Issue 2 will renew the program, preventing a funding gap that could delay crucial infrastructure projects across Ohio. Voters have overwhelmingly renewed this program three times in the past, recognizing its impact on local communities.

In Summit County, SCIP has funded nearly \$11 million in projects throughout Summit County in recent funding cycles, including Howe Rd. improvements in Cuyahoga Falls, Wolf Creek Dam improvements in Barberton, Valley View Rd. reconstruction in Macedonia, Enterprise Parkway reconstruction in Twinsburg Township and many, many more, ensuring that residents, businesses, and first responders have access to safe and reliable infrastructure. Summit County joins the Strong Ohio Communities coalition in advocating for a YES vote on May 6.

“Renewing the State Capital Improvement Program makes sure that communities like ours can continue to invest in safe, reliable infrastructure without placing additional burdens on local

taxpayers. These funds have been essential to our office in maintaining our roads, bridges, and water systems. A YES vote on Issue 2 is a vote for a safer and stronger Summit County,” said County Engineer Brubaker, P.E., P.S.

For more information about the State Capital Improvement Program and Issue 2, visit yes2buildohio.com.

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